

House Resolution No. 203

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic technological, lifestyle, and social changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Francese Cotton commemorated the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-seventh Birthday with a special celebration on January 10, 2003, at the Float Stream Restaurant in Van Buren, Missouri; and

Whereas, God brought a special gift to this great nation in 1906, with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Francese, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Francese Cotton made her formal debut in 1906 along with such notable people as American screen actress Mary Astor, Baseball Hall of Fame member Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige, and American film writer and director Billy Wilder; and

Whereas, an individual who has lived during an age of incredible progress, Francese Cotton was born the same year that the National Collegiate Athletic Association was founded, Rolls Royce introduced the Silver Ghost, and Devils Tower National Monument became the nation's first national monument; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Francese Cotton will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her longtime association with Carter County State Bank, where she served as the Bank Board President for eighteen years; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 97, Francese Cotton is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Francese Cotton at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Francese Cotton, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 203, adopted January 30, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker